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imp, elf, and princess all rolled into one.
Knowing you makes me believe in magic.
— *Wayne Douglas Barlowe*

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— *Neil Drake*

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Foreword

And not a moment too soon. It was no mistake that Barlowe's first

seemed destined to overshadow print, to prove that ours was a visual medium and not a literary genre, that books were (at best) second-string stuff. It was left to an artist in the field, one of the more literate and edu-

detail and subtlety, the form and substance they needed to keep from being blown away by the Big Wind from Hollywood.

Barlowe made SF real in a new way. All of us who live and breathe

amazed, and sometimes appalled, to find their bizarre creations—the Salamander, the Polarian, the Gearmother—rendered as exactingly and lovingly as Audubon's birds.

Barlowe's first *Guide* became one of the rare works in American literature to be nominated both for the Hugo and the American Book Award. Since that day, this most productive of artists has gone on to create more than 90 book and magazine covers, as well as paintings for *Time*, *Life* and *Newsweek*. His most personal creations, both as a writer and an artist, came to the fore in his acclaimed tour de force masterpiece *Expedition*, in which he created with the exactitude of a naturalist an entire alien ecology.

But now the circle has gone full turn, and Barlowe is here with his second "Guide." What the first "Guide" did for SF, this one promises to do for SF's lovely and terrifying sister, Fantasy, providing definitive portraiture of the field's most awesome monsters and haunting creatures.

For this long awaited delight, this immeasurable pleasure and this timely

Thanks.

John Silbersack

Introduction

through the centuries in the literature. Early on, I decided to rule out mythological figures, out of respect for religions, both living and dead. I cautiously avoided any depictions of nonsecular characters. Even with this omission, I felt that the historical boundaries of fantasy were somewhat greater than science fiction's. The task of selection proved to be more of a challenge than its predecessor.

Once my research had ended and I arrived at those characters that were to be included, the real work began. As with *Encyclopedia*, I carefully analyzed the authors' words. Only after I felt that I had interpreted their meanings both literally and contextually did I feel that I could pick up my brush. On purely imaginary creatures, I was on my own. For instance, in imagining a Trollocs's dun badger, I could answer to my own aesthetic. Historically framed characters, however, were another problem altogether. I was then confronted with a surprising amount of necessary historical research, [illegible]

Mea Maxima Culpa, I stand ready to the tongues that I have strayed for accuracy. If I have failed at any point, the blame is mine, and mine alone.

An odd painting technique shift occurred almost from the outset, since I worked on this *Guide to Fantasy*. Formerly, I worked in an opaque fashion with my acrylics, all of *Encyclopedia* was rendered in this way. When I commenced work on this book, I suddenly felt a need to change the very using oil of paint, and as a result I began to work within a more traditional English watercolor style, thin washed-up washes replaced opaque blocking in of forms. Somehow this seemed more appropriate to the subject. Unfortunately, it also doubled the rendering time. I hope that this decision was correct, and that the ideas and imagery that I strived for is ultimately rewarding.

From the beginning, I wanted *Harlowe's Guide to Fantasy* to have a broader scope than its predecessor. Aliens, in their science fiction incarnations, are relatively new to literature. Fantastic beings are just the opposite: they have been with us since the beginning of recorded history. That fact forced me to broaden the scope of this book. This, I believe, has been achieved with the inclusion of not only an array

[illegible]

[illegible] the great turn-of-the-century fantasists who so brilliantly influenced Jordan's writers. Fantasy is not a phenomenon of the second half of the century. We are merely enjoying its richest period to date.

I hope you enjoy this guide to fantasy. It has taken me from one wondrous world to another. May it do the same for you.

BARLOWE'S GUIDE TO *fantasy*

THE WORLD [illegible] of years in the future the [illegible] has changed beyond recognition. Continents and weather patterns have shifted, altering the face of the planet. Surviving centers like Nexus [illegible] are so old that no one remembers their original functions.

Advanced technologies are near light years with primitive religious rites. Much of the known world is ruled by an all powerful [illegible] given the title of Autarch.

HISTORY Many [illegible] have [illegible] to [illegible] where new members are apprenticed dur-

[illegible] of these guards are the Terminus, who can [illegible] in the [illegible] in the [illegible] by their [illegible] and [illegible] they are universally feared as bringers of pain and [illegible].

Severian [illegible] the Terminus [illegible] on the verge of obtain[illegible] [illegible] where he is [illegible] the order for [illegible] a [illegible] pendant. Expelled from Nessus, Severian will take his journey through war torn lands to the [illegible] of the Autarch.

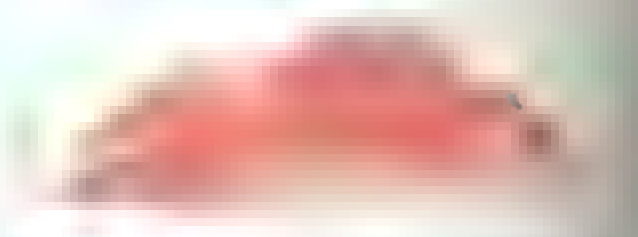
During the course of his travels he acquires Terminus Est, a finely tempered sword, and the Claw, a mysterious gem with powers that have the power to raise the dead. These objects will help Severian withstand dangerous encounters and human foes as strange beasts in the Archives.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

turns brought to earth to interrogate [illegible] answers to repair [illegible] extraterrestrial species. Hunting isolated areas, they succeed in preying on the unaware. While information on their home world is sketchy, their cold, [illegible] and pitiless [illegible] for non-humanoid life, this suggested that have been a cold place.

Fearsome predators with a taste for human flesh. Alien can tear apart their prey with sharp talons and enormous jaws. They are vicious eaters who can devour and digest a full grown man [illegible].

Aliens most frightening trait is the [illegible] to absorb [illegible] unknown process, the memories of those they kill. This allows the [illegible] to mimic human speech and thought patterns, making them even more dangerous.



Lateral view of Alien showing hair pattern and [illegible]

ALZABO

SOURCE

The Sword of the Lictor
Gene Wolfe

SERIES

The Book of the New Sun

THE WORLD [illegible]

MYSTERY [illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible]


ANYANWU

THE WORLD [illegible]

HISTORY [illegible]

Battal's mounted wing

[illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible]

BAITAL (VAMPIRE)

SOURCE

THE WORLD [illegible]

A small mask of the Magic Protection of Gran

HISTORY Although Juan de Barrentain was born [illegible]

[illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible]

Gran Protector's ritual dagger

Under certain conditions Beatriz [illegible] wounds and heal wounds no [illegible] The daughter of Guardian [illegible] protection and one of her mothers [illegible]

BEATRITZ DE BARBENTAIN

SOURCE

THE WORLD

[illegible] struggle with King Arthur for control of the British Isles

[illegible]

HISTORY Yearning for a weapon which will terrorize his Saxon foes, Arthur commands Merlin to summon a dragon. Unfortunately, conjuring up such a creature is no easy task. Certain items, like the skull of a sea-swimmer, the nearly extinct serpentine reptiles which inhabit the lakes of Ireland, are required.

Mael, a mercenary serving in the kings army, [illegible] into procuring the creature Merlin needs. During his travels in Ireland he encounters Velenda, a mystic old woman who tries to [illegible] a witch. They become lovers, and the warrior hunts [illegible] channels threatening all life on earth.

After several close calls, Mael locates the skull and returns to Britain with Velenda. The mercenary delivers it to a delighted Merlin, who is eager to proceed with the ceremony.

At Velenda's urging, Mael and his Danish companions Scarlod and Ambrak go a journey through hostile Saxon territory in search of the Spear and Shield of Achel. These legendary artifacts, forged before the Trojan Wars, have the power to destroy the dragon.

Captured by a band of Saxon warriors, Mael learns the Shield is hidden in a nearby cavern with the corpse of a chieftain named Bargram Ironhand. But the information does him no good when he is buried alive with Bargram's unquiet ghost.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] Ironhand was unlucky enough to own the Spear and Shield of Achel. For the warlock Cradwalla, coveted these magical weapons and was willing to kill to get them.

Cradwalla manipulated Bargram into surrendering the Spear, then slew him by magical means when he refused to part with the Shield. But [illegible] corpse awakens to wreak havoc on the living.

Animated by some unknown force, Bargram presents the [illegible] features of his corpse. Still clad in his chieftain's finery, Ironhand's flesh has become rock hard. His chilling facial expression reveals the hatred he bears to the living. Only the arrival of the moon gives Mael hope, being saved by the bloodthirsty zombie.

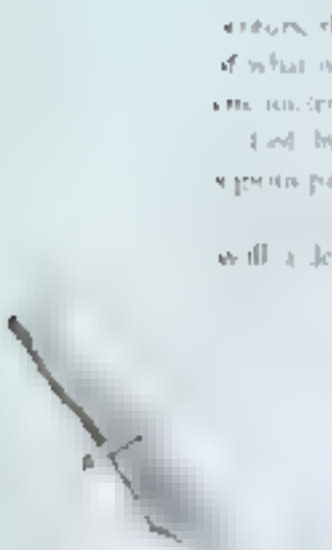
BIARGRAM IRONHAND

SOURCE

THE WORLD When the Romans invaded Britain during the first century, they retreated northward into the dense forests and snowy hills of what is now Scotland. It was in the depths of this wild land that they [illegible] a strange, dark people known as the Picts.

Led by their warrior king, Bran Mak Morn, the Picts made the Romans pay in blood for every inch of ground they took.

[illegible] will a defensive battle which [illegible] this day.



Bran Mak Morn

HISTORY An ancient people who could trace their [illegible] back to the days before Atlantis sank, the Picts had risen upon and arisen in the dawn of the Roman [illegible].

Only the iron will of their king and the new scraps of knowledge returned by their tribal shamans kept them from reverting to savage ways.

Unable to defeat the numerically superior Romans in pitched battle, Bran was often forced to use ancient weapons against them. On one occasion, Mak Morn negotiated an unholy alliance with the Worms of the Earth, a humanoid race living beneath the mounds of the high moors, to win a crucial battle.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] muscular. Bran has the dark hair and skin characteristic of his people. Dressed for battle, in a wolfskin mantle and light mail, he is armed with a short sword.

The [illegible] jewel set in his iron crown was a gift from Kull, a [illegible] represent the Picts' former glory.

Bran was a great swordsman, whose actions were governed by a strict code of honor. A stern ruler, he was not without compassion and often spared fallen foes who fought valiantly against him.

Mak Morn dreamed of restoring his people's lost greatness, [illegible] unable to do so. Shortly after his death, the Picts slipped into [illegible] and were assimilated by the Scots.

BRAN MAK MORN

SOURCE

Bran Mak Morn

THE WORLD

The Star Ruby of Krinn

HISTORY In the not-so-distant past, Imaera's

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS A silver-haired

in the prime of life. Camber

and politician. Dressed in the robes of a

volume of Deryni sorcery and a reading glass. Well versed in magic

but skills include spells of disguise and the ability to use the ancient

between distant points.

Lethe. Constantly to stand up for the beliefs

CAMBER OF CULDI

SOURCE

SERIES

THE WORLD One lazy summer afternoon a long time ago, a [illegible] English girl named Alice was sitting by a riverbank. Bored, she [illegible] glimpse of a White Rabbit, who just happened to be carrying a [illegible] watch and wearing a worried frown. Intrigued, Alice took off in pursuit [illegible] hop off on the adventure of a lifetime.

The Caterpillar's hand

HISTORY Alice followed the animal down [illegible] hole. Falling for what seemed like forever down a [illegible] shaft, our heroine landed [illegible] not a bump.

She found herself in a strange underground world. After experimenting with potions that altered her size, Alice went exploring and met many strange creatures, including a rather moody caterpillar. Of course being a clever, well-brought up child, she managed to take everything [illegible] stride and come out all right in the end.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Shortly after eating some mysterious cakes which reduce her to a mere three inches, Alice encounters a [illegible] old, blue creature engaged in a philosophical discussion about the nature of identity, then informs her [illegible] can control her growth by eating pieces of the mushroom he is perched on.

CATERPILLAR

SOURCE

THE WORLD Since the dawn of time, humanity has shared the planet with another species. Popularly known as fairies, they possess abilities that are beyond human ancestry.

At the [illegible] of the past century, for reasons known only to them, a community of fairy folk left Ireland and relocated to upstate New York. Establishing a unique relationship with the eccentric Drinkwater family, they devised a grand design which will change the course of history.

HISTORY

Nature will rather be a modern hunter of somewhat unhuman.

When Smoky's friend George Moore introduces our to Dave Anne Drinkwater, it is love at first sight.

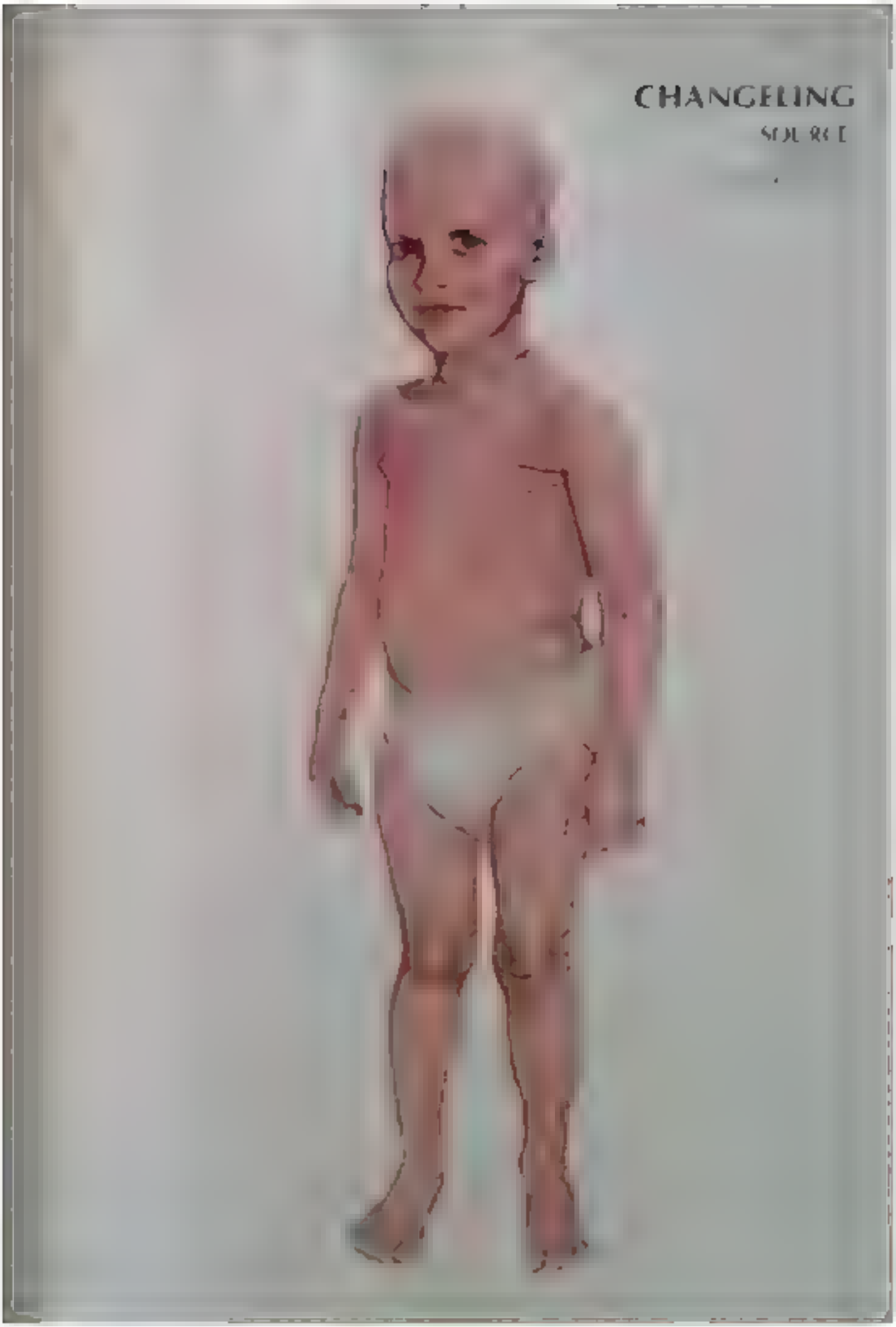
Detail of broken skin revealing hollow interior

After a whirlwind courtship and strange marriage ceremony, Smoky moves into the Drinkwater family home. Terrible was the discovery he uncovered a magical world, where lies and people turned into animals. What Smoky doesn't realize is that the fairy folk have plans for his family, plans that include subjugating a changeling for his unborn children's sight.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS The changeling is an infant simulacrum, substituted at birth for one of the Drinkwater's children by its fairy masters. Growing at an incredible pace, the changeling rapidly develops into a seven-year-old, wise beyond its years and hostile toward

Not alive in any conventional sense, it appears to be some sort of hollow bodied automaton, covered with leathery skin. Attracted to [illegible]

Its lifelike appearance only makes it more repulsive.


CHANGELING
SOURCE

THE WORLD A few age in a forgotten age the earth was the Magic

with entities they could not control. Vast cities, whose glittering spires pierced the clouds, dotted the landscape and strange

Chaz [illegible]

HISTORY The most powerful of the Vaz-tra were known as the Lords of Darkness. Their ranks included Ashtaroth, who ruled the hours between dusk and dawn but could not [illegible] sunlight, Ghiaccio, lord of death and the underworld, and Chaz, patron saint of the mad. Close enough in nature to be brothers, they often fought amongst themselves for reasons no mortal could understand. While all the Lords of Darkness were terri[illegible] he was more feared than Chaz. Fickle as the state of mind he personified, Chaz was capable of both extreme kindness and sadistic cruelty. Also known as Prince Madness and Demonic Master, he offered his acolytes the bliss of forgetfulness

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] one side of Chaz's face is strikingly handsome and the other is hideously disfigured. The palm of Prince Madness's left hand is black with long, [illegible] teeth, while [illegible]

[illegible] in a similar manner, he h[illegible] bronze teeth and [illegible] colored eyes [illegible] to be [illegible]

[illegible] breath-[illegible] [illegible] which [illegible]


CHUZ
SOURCE
SERIES

THE WORLD

small world in a universe of interconnecting realities, or planes. A
for their highly developed aesthetic sense and love of society. M
they lived together in small isolated family groups.

For centuries, the Vadhagh mistakenly ignored the human
which they called Malden, multiplying in the wilderness.

Banding together under the leadership of Glandyth-a-Kran, the M
den united and slaughtered the Vadhagh in a genocidal frenzy.

Only one of the Vadhagh Prince Corum Jhaelen Irsei, managed to
vive. Captured and tortured, Corum escaped and lived to plan his revenge.

HISTORY

Vowing to destroy
vice to the island of th
Hoped to replace the prince's lost body parts with the
Eye of Rhynn and the Hand of Kwll. These
productions gave Corum the power to carry out
vengeance, but they came with a price.

In return, the wizard demanded Corum steal the
heart of Arioch, a demigod whose power Shool coveted. Succeeding against all odds, the prince learned
he is a key player in the never-ending struggle between
Law and Chaos. Later in the course of his tortured life
Corum will discover that he is one of the many incar-
nations of the Eternal Champion, a hero reborn countless times on thousands of worlds.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

moves with a grace humans find impossible to emulate.
Like most Vadhagh, he is able to travel between differ-
ent realms or planes.

Also known as the P
of his distinctive Cloak
the Scarlet Robe

hand of Kwll, which
superhuman strength and the
events occurring in between different planes simultaneously. Relics
owned to protect Corum at any cost.

CORUM JHAELEN IRSEI

SOURCE

SERIES

THE WORLD The on a real place in a universe of infinite [illegible] time the immortal sovereign has sired a brood of children whose [illegible] preoccupations are intrigue and the pursuit of power.

All Oberon's descendants have the ability to travel between the worlds or shadows surrounding Amber. To perfect this skill, they [illegible] enter the Pattern, a strange maze in the depths of their ancestral [illegible]

While many of these shadows are similar to earth, others can [illegible] deadly. Perhaps the strangest is an alien landscape of moving rock [illegible] ruled by humanoids with spurred hands.

HISTORY [illegible] of Amber finds himself involved in a battle for the throne. King [illegible] has disappeared, leaving a dangerous power vacuum. Corwin's [illegible] brother, Eric, wants the crown and is willing to kill to get it.

"Firefly" form of Dara

[illegible] after an unsuccessful bid to seize control [illegible] Amber, Corwin manages to escape [illegible] from shadow to shadow [illegible] the Dark Circle.

A rift in the fabric of reality, the Circle is being used as a gateway by demonic creatures who destroy everything in their path. Corwin learns that the Circle's point of origin is the Courts of Chaos, a place of wild magic, but is unable to discern its true purpose.

Taking refuge in a world ruled by Benedict, a sibling with whom he is on decent terms, Corwin meets Dara. Claiming to be Benedict's granddaughter, Dara strikes up a relationship with Corwin, eventually seducing him. [illegible] covers their affair to Dara than meets the eye.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible]

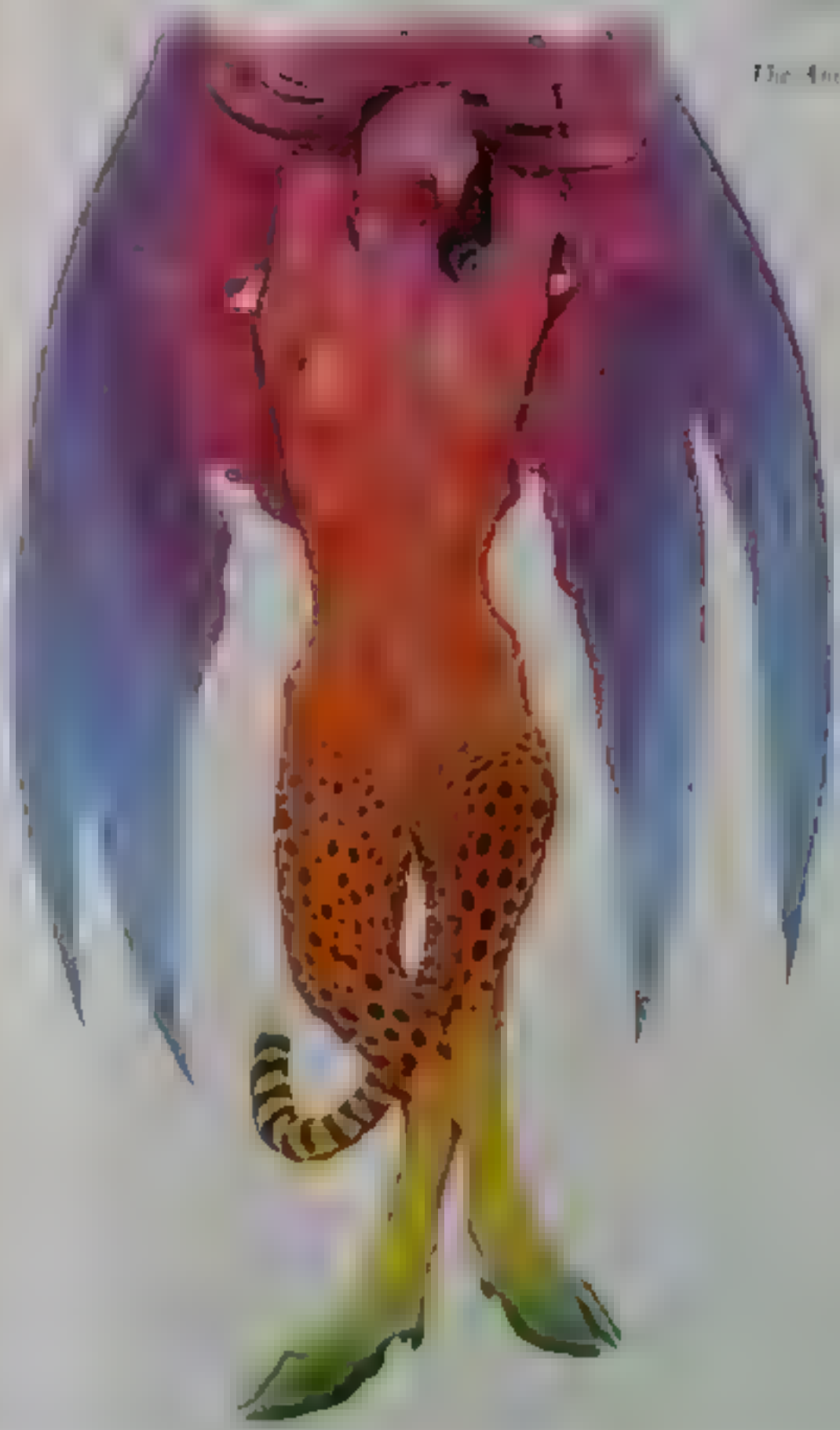
DARA

SOURCE

The Gates of Ana

SERIES

The Ancient Notes



THE WORLD

[illegible] where magic is an art practiced by scholars and technicians, operates on a primitive level. Separated from our world by a barrier called the Veil, it is ruled by a fragile coalition of nobles and clerics.

HISTORY

[illegible] the Dark Ones, mysterious creatures who prowl the night in search of human prey. While the mystery eventually managed to drive off the [illegible] aliens over the ages, the secret behind their existence has been lost.

Tattered Mouth of the Dark One

Reappearing without warning, the Dark Ones again overwhelm Darwath's defenders. Fearing the worst, the wizard Ingold flees to earth, taking the last heir to the throne with him for safekeeping.

Prior to his journey, the wizard contacts Gil, a graduate student living in California, who has been plagued with dreams about Darwath. Gil agrees to help Ingold and arranges for cross-burn at an isolated desert locale. When Gil gets there, she stumbles across Rudy, a young auto mechanic whose car has broken down [illegible]

[illegible] Ingold arrives on schedule. But the wizard is unaware he has been followed by a Dark One. Attacked, Ingold transports himself and his charge back home to escape, dragging Rudy and Gil along in the process. Marooned in an alien land, the two Americans find themselves thrust into Darwath's hard[illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] on blood and psychic energy, Dark Ones are deadly stalk[illegible] their prey from above. Those who have seen them and lived speak of [illegible] ringed mouths.

Dark Ones abhor light and seldom ve[illegible] at before midnight. They are vulnerable to flame and loaded weap[illegible] which can easily pierce their thin flesh.

[illegible] magic, totally alien to human wizards, and what appears to be a form of telepathic rapport with one another.

DARK ONE

SOURCE

THE WORLD

herds of wild horses called Rumbrun. A world of great beauty, where the very earth has the power to heal, it is the scene of an eternal [illegible] between the forces of good and evil.

The Staff of Law

HISTORY

Thomas Covenant is a bitter man. A successful author with a beautiful wife and new baby, his world fell apart when he was diagnosed with leprosy. Abandoned by family and friends, Covenant spends his days in isolation, unable to live and afraid to die.

Magically summoned to the Land, Thomas discovers he has been given a second chance. For the Land has the power to cure him, but in return, he must defend it against the Lord Foul and his power. Deoul Rockworm

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Like creatures who inhabit the caverns beneath a [illegible] volcano. Easily recognizable by their red eyes, their limbs [illegible] enormous hands, their powerful bodies harbor evil [illegible]

ambitious figure whose discovery of the Staff of Law [illegible]

Its Staff to locate the Hearth Stone [illegible]

DROOL ROCKWORM

SOURCE

SERIES

THE WORLD The sixteenth century was a time of turmoil. A divided Christendom seemed unable to resist the growing power of the Ottoman Empire. Already in control of the Balkans, the Turks [illegible] to move westward into Austria.

HISTORY Brian Duffy is an Irish mercenary who has fought for [illegible] battles. Weary of looting and burning his way across Europe, he [illegible] down his sword and accepts a bouncer's job at Zimmermann's Inn, a [illegible] Vienna tavern.

Renowned for the best dark beer [illegible] Anna Zimmermann's is at first [illegible] covers an unusual place. Home [illegible] strange collection of self-proclaimed wizards, the bar is owned by the co[illegible] acter who smokes snakes instead [illegible] tobacco. Ambrosius keeps running he[illegible] Duffy have met before.

Things take a downward turn when the Turks lay siege to the [illegible]. Trapped inside with a host of desperate characters, Brian has to listen [illegible] Ambrosius's theories about how the battle is part of a supernatural [illegible] between the powers of East and West.

To make matters worse, the Irishman's boss is convinced Duffy is [illegible] reincarnation of King Arthur, who has returned to aid the West in [illegible] hour of need. While this is not what Brian wants to hear, a series [illegible] forces him to confront his destiny.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] Eastern Afrit are winged humanoids whose muzzled faces and fish-like eyes render them terrifying to behold. Summoned by Ottoman sorcerers to serve their cause during the siege of Vienna, they are armed [illegible]

Able to swoop down out of the clouds without warning, Afrit [illegible]

EASTERN AFRIT

SOURCE

The Drawing of the Dark

Tim Powers

THE WORLD

north of England. Long believed to be haunted, the truth about [illegible] is far stranger. The forest has the power to generate mythagos [illegible] drawn from the memories of those who enter it. Able to function [illegible] autonomously, these creatures can become deadly to their creators [illegible] there. What seems like a straight path may be a loop lead to [illegible] Inhabited by human and bestial mythagos drawn from cultures [illegible] back to prehistory, the forest is an awesome place.

HISTORY

something strange about the Wood. Returning home for his [illegible] funeral, Cheyenne discovers that his older brother, Steven, has bec[illegible] obsessed with the forest.

Events spin out of control when both men find themselves [illegible] in a dangerous rivalry over Guinevieth, a beautiful female mythago. [illegible] the contest can only be resolved within Ryhope, where the [illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] entities who inhabit Ryhope. Elementals are associated with climatic disturbances. First observed by Cheyenne in the vicinity of his family home, they are wraithlike creatures with ruddy [illegible] faces.

Elementals are able [illegible] take their bodies lighter [illegible] and ride the wind. They can control the [illegible] and use this ability to summon storms [illegible] when it suits them. Capricious in nature, Elementals delight in prank playing, but can be deadly when roused.

They are often seen propelling the craft of Sorrhaun, the fire bowman, through the sky. A powerful shaman, Sorrhaun led his people across the ocean to the British isles in the first pair and [illegible] spirits native to the [illegible]

[illegible] interior of mouth

ELEMENTAL

SOURCE

SERIES

THE WORLD

[illegible] worlds which border on but are estranged from our own [illegible]

HISTORY Throughout history powerful mages known as [illegible] have mastered the art of crossing the In Oro, the deadly no-man's [illegible] separating Earth from the Dominions. The greatest of these was [illegible]

[illegible] acquaintance by an encounter in contemporary Manhattan with a [illegible] race from the Dominions.

A lateral view of a Gek-a-Gek head

Known as Pie-oh-Pah [illegible] strange being seems able to [illegible] its appearance at will. Once [illegible] close associate of the [illegible] Pie was cast out by Sarnoth when his attempt to [illegible] with the Inquisitors soured.

With Pie as a guide, Gerule embarks on a tour of the Dominions. Maemnos travels will restore his memory and prepare him for the great struggle which lies ahead.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible]

[illegible] who dwell in the In Oro. Flat-headed with large, clawed hands, they have streamlined forms that allow them [illegible] swiftly.

Though invisible in shadow, Gek-[illegible] [illegible] than intelligence. Gek-a-gek rely [illegible] force to bring down their prey. Feared throughout [illegible] evident encountered outside the In Oro.


GEK-A-GEK
SOURCE

THE WORLD Hampstead, Connecticut looks like any other [illegible] bedroom community. Every weekday, a small army of men in [illegible] trace with bags in the Manhattan bound train. Women in [illegible] casual wear when their cars through the aisles of upscale [illegible]

HISTORY [illegible]

lurks behind the facade of well kept lawns and spacious Colonials [illegible] days, Gideon Winter, a powerful warlock also known as Dragon, arrived in Hampstead and began a reign of [illegible]

Winter used his powers to take whatever he [illegible] including other men's wives. Slain when the townspeople finally rose against him, the Dragon's vengeful spirit reappeared periodically over the centuries to wreak havoc.

The worst of these manifestations occurred in the 1970s. It began with a series of murders which quickly lead into mass hysteria. Children left their beds or drown themselves in Long Island Sound. Longtime [illegible] bore bitter enemies.

Aided by the presence of a toxic chemical spill [illegible] nearly destroyed Hampstead. But the Dragon was [illegible] by a small group of residents who banded together to save their community.

Gideon Winter

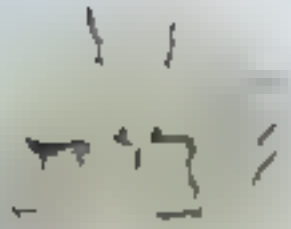
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Old [illegible] Gideon was a dark eyed, black haired [illegible] given, who always wore dark clothing. Able to bend others to his will, the Dragon [illegible] charismatic personage. [illegible] Winter's shade has appeared [illegible] dragon. Capable of controlling the living and casting realistic illusions, Gideon's spirit is a deadly supernatural foe.


GIDEON WINTER
AKA "THE DRAGON"
SOURCE

THE WORLD Almost every culture has its own version of Frankenstein Myth, in which a powerful sorcerer or brilliant [illegible] creates a creature too powerful to control, one that eventually turns [illegible] Golem. One of the oldest known variations on this timeless theme is the tale of the Golem.

HISTORY

Golems are raw, earthen figures brought to life by magical [illegible]. During their forced sojourn in Babylon, Hebrew scholars learned [illegible] to create these crude automata and passed this knowledge down [illegible] generation to generation. In fact, the term Golem is derived from biblical Hebrew phrase which translates loosely as a "body without a soul."

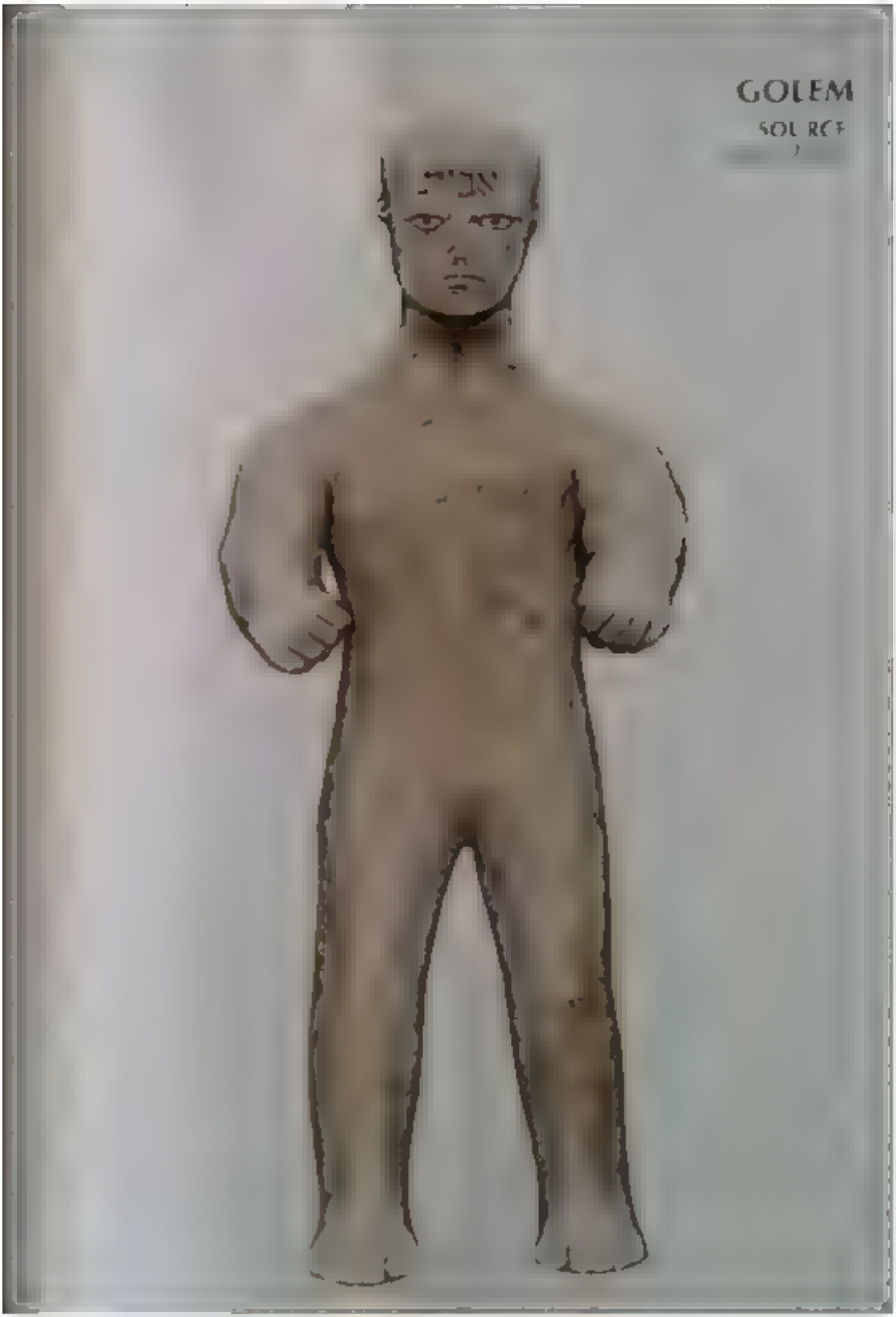


[illegible] Golem [illegible] other clay [illegible] when [illegible]

The most famous of the Golem legends [illegible] around Judah Loew, an eighteenth-century [illegible]. Loew fashioned a Golem to protect the [illegible] ghetto against pogroms. Unfortunately, as time went on, his creation developed a will of its own, rebelling against the rabbi and forcing him to [illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] to their makers. According to Hebrew tradition, Golems are brought to life by inserting a scroll [illegible] are usually [illegible] in [illegible]


GOLEM
SOURCE

THE WORLD

[illegible] immemorial, two of the humanoid races which inhabit this [illegible] world have been locked in a struggle for planetary dominance.

The Demons, led by Goldry Blunaco, are a noble people who delight in [illegible]. Their ancient foes, the Witches, are feared for their mastery of [illegible] arts.

HISTORY

[illegible] lower, the Demons must comply with Gorice's demands.

Frost-scale [illegible] left thumb ring

A renowned wrestler who keeps the bones of those he defeats as trophies, Gorice is only too glad to accept.

Meeting on neutral ground at the Castle of the Red Falcon, the two kings engage in single combat. The contest takes an unexpected turn when the Witch is accidentally killed and Goldry emerges victorious.

Heading to his own castle as Gorice XII, he returns to the throne of Witchland, plans a fearsome vengeance. A powerful necromancer, the new king, [illegible] and Demonland itself.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] of prey.


GORICE XII
SOURCE

THE WORLD During the eighth century [illegible] were among the most feared warriors [illegible] Europe. But the reed-infested swamps of [illegible] harbored a monster named Grendel [illegible] struck fear into the hearts of these barre- [illegible] impossible to destroy, he ravaged [illegible] raids, carrying off the mightiest of [illegible] warriors.

HISTORY [illegible] hall called Heorot to celebrate his many triumphs. Annoyed by the sounds of merrymaking emanating from the building, the hall ho[illegible] dread Grendel, who dwells in the wilds [illegible] revenge.

Every night for the next twelve years Grendel breaks into the building, killing those inside. This rampage continues until the hero Beowulf learns of Hrothgar's troubles. Sailing from Sweden with a small group of warriors, he arrives at Heorot determined to put an end to the reign of terror.

Grendel's regenerable dragonskin gloves

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS The [illegible] son of a water-hag, Grendel [illegible] brute who has rendered himself invulnerable [illegible] cut. Powerful enough to tear apart enemies with his clawed hands and jaws, Grendel is a murderous fiend who [illegible] warriors who tried to slay him.

GRENDEL

SOURCE

THE WORLD

a wind-swept, rich region near the Black Sea. During the Holocene [illegible] large unexploited expanse of land was home to a unique species [illegible] Griffins. When or why they became extinct is unclear, but we ha[illegible] able information that these creatures survived well into the first [illegible] of the Christian Era.

HISTORY

were a strange hybrid of lion and eagle. Modern scientists have [illegible] and that they may have been a mutated form of the feathered [illegible] Protoceratops.

Fossilized skull in museum.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

found by Scythian nomads indicate [illegible] possessed sharp talons and lionlike bodies [illegible] long tails. Their frilled skulls rendered [illegible] nearly invulnerable to head injury.

Like birds, Griffins reproduced through eg[illegible] laying. When females were near term they [illegible] moved into the earth, constructing [illegible] composed of several tunnels. While [illegible] excavations often unearthed raw gold from [illegible] mineral-rich soil, only the very brave or [illegible] foolhardy would risk venturing near a Gr[illegible] nest for the precious metal.

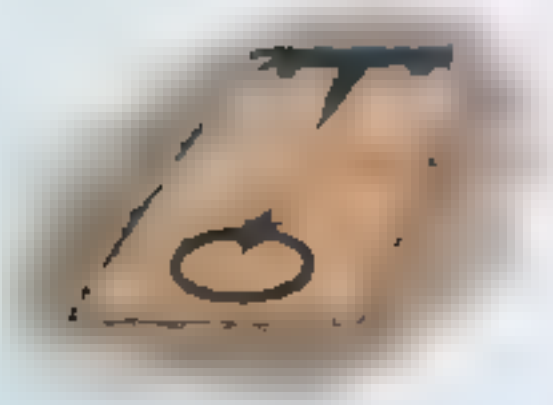
GRIFFIN

SOURCE

Greek and Near Eastern Mythology

THE WORLD

strange beauty and dark terror. Somewhere within their ever [illegible] geographies, ● Kadath, home of the Great Ones, a place beyond description.



The trapdoor that connects the abyssal caverns with the enchanted wood

HISTORY While humans have visited the dreamlands since the dawn of time, none has ever reached [illegible] Only one man, Randolph Carter, is [illegible] rumored to be the first.

An intrepid explorer bound [illegible] beyond the carnivorous [illegible] who inhabit dreamland's [illegible] Carter is willing to risk his life to get there. Aided by ghoulish and alien [illegible], he sets out in search of the eternal city. To reach his goal, Randolph must pass through the underground domain of the monstrous Gugs and overcome the traps set for him by Nyarlathotep, the crawling chaos.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] raised vast stone circles for their secret rites, the Gugs were condemned [illegible] devour anything they can catch. [illegible] Gugs [illegible] form of social organization, which includes a [illegible]

GUG

SOURCE

THE WORLD

Into Witch World, an alien planet where magic works and [illegible] of science as we know it. Witch World is a world [illegible] walled cities, vast forests, and empty steppes, where daily life [illegible] can only wonder, dream.

HISTORY

[illegible]

Eager for change, [illegible] joins a small group of women [illegible] traveling to the Were Riders, mysterious nomads [illegible] spells of shaman can be learned and learn he is a shape-shifter.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] descended from an ancient [illegible] Were Riders are able to assume animal [illegible] will. Exiled from their home in the Dhorsan Arena, they roam Witch World serving [illegible]

Hermit's distinctive [illegible]

[illegible] riding heavily on their horses. Taller [illegible] than normal humans, these horses [illegible] and capable of traveling [illegible]

The [illegible] mother. Hermit's original [illegible] real heritage. His half-breed status makes him [illegible] of the band and an outcast [illegible]

Were Riders often shape-shift [illegible] frighten the [illegible] mountain cat. The pelt [illegible] designed to provide comfort and protection while riding [illegible]


HERREL

THE WORLD At the dawn of the eleventh century, [illegible] not fully supplanted the ancient religions of the British Isles [illegible] elves roamed the woodlands and the old gods still walked the land, [illegible] the bravest of warriors huddled round their hearth fires after [illegible] fear of what prowled the night.

[illegible]

HISTORY Seeking a human fostering [illegible] world from a moral return to all magic [illegible] [illegible], Ímar, kidnaps a Viking chieftain's [illegible] [illegible] ing a changeling spawned by [illegible] troll; the earl names the baby Skafloc [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and begotten by his human parents, teaches [illegible] [illegible] he will seek a place at Ímar's side [illegible] [illegible] years spent as a model among humanity [illegible]

[illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Trolls [illegible] are trolls native [illegible] continental Europe and the British [illegible] prehistoric times to [illegible] Middle Ages. One of the mightiest of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] immortal elves, continually and [illegible] them to barbarism.

[illegible]

splayed feet and squat [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Social standing in troll society [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] was Illrede, lord of [illegible] [illegible] he went into battle a [illegible] weapon was a huge ax [illegible]

[illegible]


JLERFDF

THE WORLD

and primitive weapons, Vandertur is an enlightened land [illegible] to enemies. To protect their borders and at times their way [illegible] rulers have [illegible] to have [illegible]

HISTORY Raised in a remote [illegible] small trading states, where [illegible] tactfully play their role in [illegible] political disputes. Keronyn is a [illegible] young woman searching for direction. Ill suited to the [illegible] role into which her mother's death has cast her, she would [illegible] forces that manage the world's [illegible]

Keronyn's life changes [illegible] when a band of raiders attacks [illegible] killing her father and abducting the bro[illegible] [illegible] Keronyn runs to her grandmother, Kettry, for help. [illegible] Kettry gives Keronyn with a magical [illegible] rubies an ordinary sword. Nero can [illegible] It has the power to [illegible]

[illegible] grandmother's companion, [illegible] who chases the kidnappers and [illegible] Her courage impresses [illegible] soldier who agrees to [illegible]

[illegible] Kettry and Tarma. K[illegible] [illegible] searching the area of [illegible]

[illegible] an increasingly [illegible] time promotion [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] to the psychics. A[illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] shape for combat. Keronyn's light [illegible]

Keronyn has her cooking and archery skills. Keronyn is a hardly trained warrior. A brilliant commander [illegible] the Skyhorse forces near Dunnigh [illegible] victories, the first has saved


KEROWYN

THE WORLD Elm Haven is an unlikely site for an apocalyptic [illegible] confrontation between the forces of light and darkness. As far as it goes [illegible] [illegible]ded by [illegible] its residents are blissfully unaware of demonic forces skulking there.

HISTORY A magical object whose roots date back to ancient [illegible] the Borgia Bell spreads corruption wherever it goes. While the [illegible] nature of the entity dwelling within its metal confines is unknown, scholars agree it demands human sacrifice. N[illegible] after the infamous family of necromancers [illegible] assassins who brought it to Rome during [illegible] Renaissance, the Bell has the power to control [illegible]

Native Am[illegible] [illegible]

Transported to America by an eccentric millionaire and placed in the steeple of Elm Haven's schoolhouse, the Bell has been biding its time, waiting for the right moment to strike.

[illegible] days before summer vacation, a group of local kids [illegible] to destroy their age-old foe before it eliminates them.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible] their long, thick bodies and sucker-equipped [illegible] conjured up by the Borgia Bell, they exist solely to [illegible]

Eyeless and armed with rows of blade[illegible] teeth, Lamprey worms, toothless mouths and [illegible] of vulnerable organs make them difficult to destroy. Like many creatures of d[illegible] however, they are vulnerable to bush[illegible]

[illegible] under their victims and rase[illegible] prey. They are highly eff[illegible] machines, large enough to swallow a full-grown dog or knock over a truck.

Mouth-covered aperture of tunnel


LAMPREY-WORMS
SOURCE

THE WORLD [illegible] world of ethereal beauty and sensual delight. While many [illegible] few manage to cross its enchanted borders.

[illegible]

HISTORY Armed with a [illegible] forged from thunderbolts by [illegible] Prince Alveric sets out in search of [illegible] doom realm. Succeeding where [illegible] failed, he encounters Lirazel, the [illegible] Elfland's daughter.

Falling in love with Alveric, who is [illegible] one she has ever seen before, Lirazel flees [illegible] to earth with the prince. Delighted with [illegible] mortal world, the princess marries Alveric [illegible] bears him a son.

All is well until Lirazel's father lures [illegible] back home. Devastated by the loss of his [illegible] Alveric vows to reclaim his bride. Setting [illegible] on a second quest for Elfland, the prince discovers that it may be impossible to find twice.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible] "chiefest glory [illegible] Elfland," Lirazel is more beautiful than any earthly woman. Unbound by time, the princess never ages, retaining her [illegible] ethereal appearance over [illegible] sculpted out of blocks of [illegible]


LIRAZEL
SOURCE

THE WORLD Savaged by a nuclear holocaust, the earth has [illegible] eth-breed strange. Vastly reduced in numbers, humanity shares the [illegible] with Elves, Trolls, Gnomes, and Dwarfs; mutated or ancient races have resurfaced in, or adapted to, this new world.

The Machine Beast in its lair

HISTORY Raised in the small village of Shady Vale [illegible] Shea Chmaloed, an orphan of human and elfin descent, [illegible] led a quiet life. When the Druid historian, Allanon, arrives, Shea's stepfather runs and tells him he is the last heir of the great Elf King, Shannara; his true position is disbelief.

Shea, exclaim the Druid, has inherited an [illegible] responsibility. For only he can fulfill an age-old prophecy [illegible] wielding Shannara's sword against the Warlock Lord B[illegible], an ancient menace, who has returned to the troubled [illegible] land.

Determined to ensure that the magical blade is never used against him, the Warlock dispatches a winged demon, [illegible] Skull Bearer, to destroy Shea. Escaping into the wilderness with his foster brother Flick, Shea realizes he's become a key [illegible]

The Machine Be[illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible]

[illegible] Preying on whatever it can catch, it hides in the ruins of an abandoned city, waiting for victims.

Inscrutable in nature, the Machine-Beast has grafted metal sheets over portions of its body, in an effort to repair its decaying frame. What little remains of its original flesh is covered with coarse black hair.

The tentacles about the Machine Beast's eyes are tipped with toxic stingers, whose touch can be lethal. Equipped with multiple legs, it is able to move quickly when fleeing or stalking food.

The replacement of metal plates is killing the [illegible]

MACHINE-BEAST

SOURCE

The Sword of Shannara
Terry Brooks

SERIES

The Shannara Series

THE WORLD

the Middle Ages, a great king ruled Britain. Known as Arthur [illegible] dragon, his legend lasts to this day. To understand fully this [illegible] crusade leader who united a fragmented nation under his banner, we [illegible]

[illegible]

HISTORY

hand, Duke Gorlois of Cornwall. Morgaine was a precocious [illegible]

appearance, it was rumored that the blood of the little people, who [illegible] the land's original inhabitants, flowed in her veins.

[illegible]

place where the mysteries of the Mother Goddess were studied.

[illegible] under her aunt's [illegible] Morgaine learned to utilize the "sight," a limited precognitive ability shared by women in her family. She was also taught to cast [illegible] spells of illusion which altered how others perceived her.

In time, Morgaine [illegible] the task of priestess. A [illegible]

Brass drum, gilded and [illegible]

devotion to her faith. M[illegible] as against the intolerant [illegible] Arthur's Christian Queen. This conflict, [illegible] loved most, placed the king in an impossible position and brought about his downfall.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

and bearing the crescent mark of Avalon upon her forehead, M[illegible] has been prepared for the holy role of Ring Making. The ritual she [illegible] with Arthur prior to his coronation was symbolically bound [illegible] to the land, had disastrous consequences.

Morgaine became pregnant and gave birth to a son, who came to [illegible] at Mordred. The child proved to be [illegible]

MORGAINE

SOURCE

THE WORLD

The world is a flat planet supported by four great elephants [illegible]

Cloak of Death's Bourgeoisie

HISTORY

[illegible] In search of an apprentice, the Grim Reaper selects a [illegible] named Mort and decides to teach him the [illegible] he knows.

Mort has mixed feelings about the job. It has [illegible] benefits, like learning to walk through walls. He [illegible] put up with his master's adopted daughter, Ysabell [illegible] has developed a crush on him.

Things go quite well until Mort takes matters into his hands, sparing a beautiful princess and claiming her [illegible] [illegible] shows the [illegible] of humans. Mort is made [illegible] teaches that absence, the Grim Reaper is distinctly [illegible] [illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Originally a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mort undergoes [illegible] changes in his appearance as a result [illegible] Death. Growing more [illegible] [illegible] has become even [illegible] a strange [illegible]

[illegible] Mort's hair [illegible] [illegible] Death's [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] throat which looks [illegible] the blade of the [illegible] [illegible] transparent


MORT

THE WORLD

high mountains. While its social structure is slightly similar to Europe's, Dowers's history is very different. For untold ages sages have practiced a magic as old being called dowsing, a secret knowledge that has been passed down from master to student.

HISTORY Born a prince of Dowers, Nevvo was [illegible] to give up his privileged position and wed a dowsing [illegible] match, a king's son, even one who is not directly in line for the throne, has responsibilities, and Nevvo's father refused to [illegible]

Determined to go his own way, Nevvo slipped out [illegible] prince to seek out the dowsing master Rhogar. His actions [illegible] a sequence of events which caused the death [illegible] beloved Brangwen and two others.

Heartbroken, Nevvo swore to make amends no matter [illegible] long it took. Beyond the bounds of time and space, the [illegible] Ones, who rule all creation, heard his vow and granted [illegible] mortals, so he would teach the use of weak thoughts [illegible]

[illegible] years of wandering through Dowers and the other [illegible]

[illegible] and his young daughter Jill, the prince's luck begins to change.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] contrast with the Wildlands, Lorrisbe creatures invariably [illegible] dwarfs. Joy is sought out by each one possible.

[illegible] the dowsing to shape state


NEVYN

THE WORLD [illegible]

[illegible] powerful magic tamper with natural laws. [illegible] the Overworld, an alternate universe bordering on our own. [illegible] little foolish enough to mess with them.

[illegible] have become [illegible] subjected to [illegible] [illegible] wondering when the long night will [illegible]

[illegible]

HISTORY [illegible] Cagel the Clever [illegible] [illegible] who, over by his own, is banished to [illegible] grey shores of Stranglestone Strand by [illegible] revenge. He works his way back toward [illegible] rivals home in Absorb.

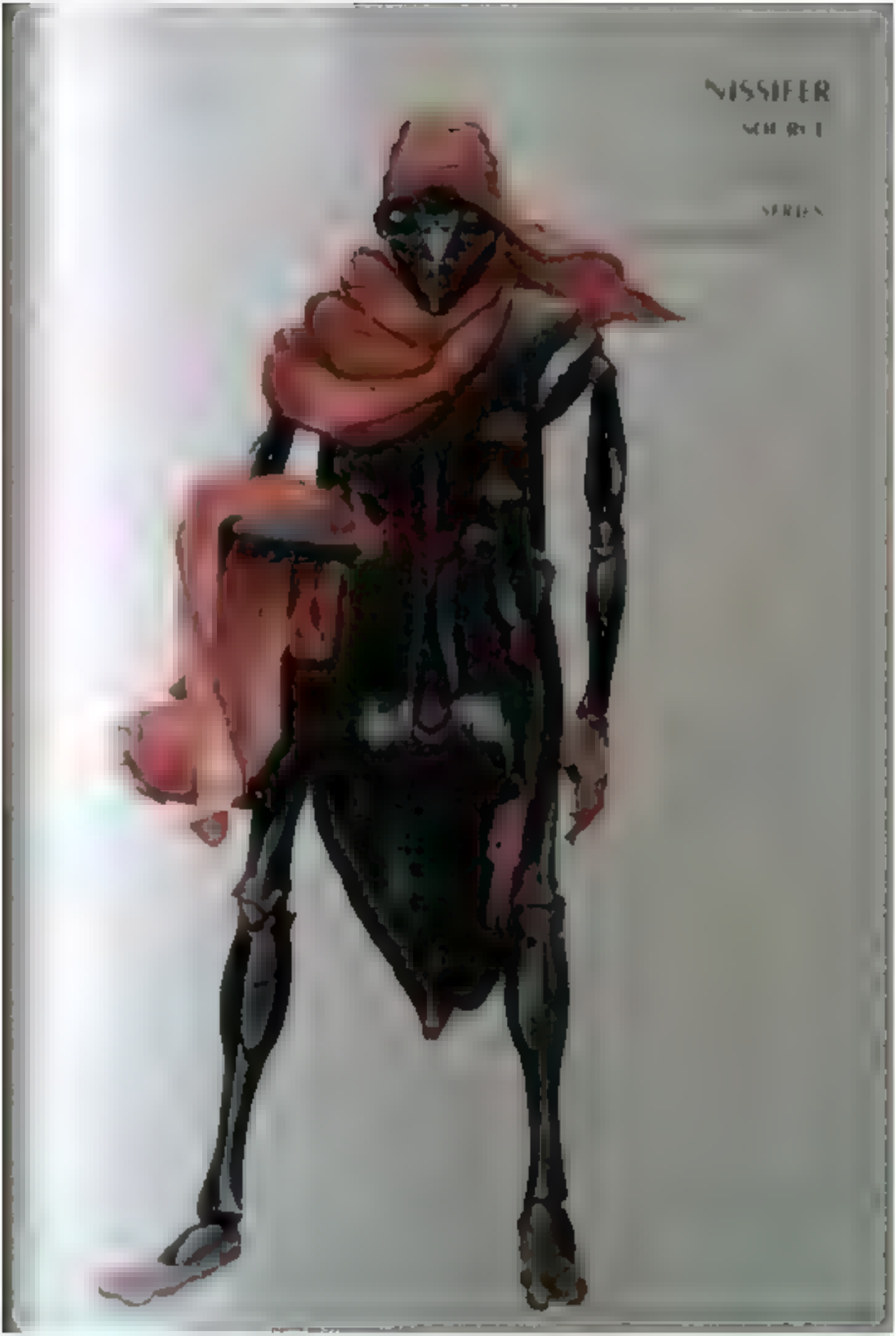
During the course of his adventures Cagel acquires a demon wand called Spectrelight. This powerful magical relic, which absorbs organic matter through one of its sides, [illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible]

[illegible] here and there are more likely one of the mutated species [illegible] die for future [illegible] Dying Earth.

[illegible] by night. Slender demons have [illegible] wearing only the [illegible] primary weapon is a retractable stinger whose touch causes [illegible] rigid. She is a foe to be reckoned with.

[illegible] Spectrelight [illegible]


NISSIFER

THE WORLD

beaches of what is now England were home to a race of magical called Psammeads. While many perished during the climatic and geological shifts which ended the Age of Reptiles, others underground and went into a trance-like sleep, only to be dug up awakened by unwary humans.

HISTORY

creature, which speaks perfect English, explains it has the power to wishes. But there's a catch. Whatever they ask for will vanish after so they must think carefully before making a request.

The Psammead warns them that getting what they ask for may

one occasion, they ask for gold and receive strange coins no merchant will take. A demand for wings so they can fly like birds results in their being stranded atop a church roof at the end of the day. After several of

wings to be compared with

Psammead [illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Psammeads, or sand-fairies, are small, fur-furry creatures with long monkey-like arms and legs, and bushy ears. They are also known for their strange eye stalks, which can be extended or retracted at will.

Even though they once inhabited the beaches in great numbers, Psammeads can not abide the touch of water, which makes them ill. In ancient years this prompted them to take up residence in dryer locales, like sand and gravel pits.

Sand-fairies live underground and use their hands for burrowing. Curmudgeonly by nature, they enjoy testing those they encounter.


PSAMMEAD
SOURCE

THE WORLD

separated by an ocean of air. Human, dwarfs, and elves struggle

landmasses, the domesticated winged dragons formed be

military traveler has been sent to the void

HISTORY

Spared from the headsman's block by

have good reasons for wanting him dead

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

transport troops and cargo from place to place

These more

A landdrifting dragon

Courier Dragons are the smallest four breeds. Known for their speed, used by messengers, who need to vital information quickly.

Wingless, yet capable of flight swift movement means. Quicksilver Dr used as mounts by powerful w More intelligent than any other type dragon, they are mean-natured and can be mastered by magic.

Quicksilvers curl

when threatened. They

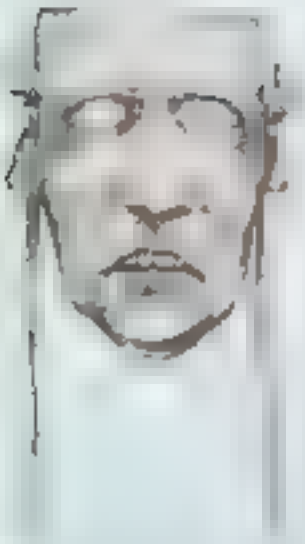
acid from their tongue


QUICKSILVER DRAGON
SOURCE
SERIES

THE WORLD [illegible] the early years of the Renaissance, [illegible] plague swept through Europe. Labeled the Red Death, its [illegible] by those around them who feared its rapid spread.

HISTORY Only the mad and the desperate dream of [illegible] and Prince Prospero possessed both those qualities. When [illegible] Death broke out among his peasants, the [illegible] secluded his court in a fortified abbey.

A bizarre place that reflected Prospero's [illegible] Rococo style, the sanctuary contained a suite of [illegible] colored rooms and a great ebony clock. For six [illegible] the prince and his court feasted behind stone walls [illegible] the Red Death ravaged the countryside. Then, [illegible] believing themselves secure, the aristocrats [illegible] masque, a gala crashed by an unwelcome guest.



[illegible] Mask of the Red Death

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible] blood-splattered corpse clad in grave clothes. Death [illegible] led Prospero's ball in the guise of the pestilence [illegible] ruining his lands. Striking down the highborn [illegible] enough to think they could escape him, the [illegible] Reaper proved he plays no favorites.

THE RED DEATH

SOURCE

THE WORLD

the wings of a tornado and found her way back to Kansas [illegible] strange adventures. However, the tale doesn't end there.

[illegible] after Dorothy's departure, her friend the Scarecrow [illegible] King of the Emerald City, while Nick Chopper, the Tin [illegible] went on to become Emperor of the Munchkins. As Dorothy's f[illegible] passions soon discovered, being in charge is a lot more difficult [illegible] it.

Saw Horse's leg after Dorothy's pitching

HISTORY Brought up in the country of the Gill[illegible] underdwelers in the northern reaches of Oz, Tip has no [illegible] his parents. Like most young boys, Tip is a [illegible] chievous child who enjoys playing tricks on Mombi [illegible] crone who has raised him.

A would-be witch who secretly practices the black [illegible] the witches sour disposition rubs Tip the wrong way.

Returning home from a trip to visit a local [illegible] Mombi discovers Tip has constructed a pumpkin-[illegible] effigy and placed it in the road to scare her. Angry at [illegible] boy, Mombi's first impulse is to tear the thing apart, but sh[illegible] decides to try her newly ac[illegible] instead. The Powder animates the figure, giving Tip a [illegible] struct a life of its own.

The old woman soon to turn Tip into a statue for the [illegible] yard. Having no desire to become a permanent fixture in Mombi's garden, Tip flees, taking the Powder of Life and his [illegible] whom he christens Jack Pumpkinhead, with h[illegible]

[illegible]

with a[illegible] with

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

life by magical means, the Saw Horse [illegible] has been known for years, a stake [illegible] trading from its back, and a branch [illegible] tail. The Saw Horse's long ears were carved out of bark and added to by Tip so that it would be able to hear his commands.

[illegible]

SAW-HORSE

SOURCE

SERIES

THE WORLD Earthsea is a world of vast oceans where [illegible] present and technology is limited to wind and muscle [illegible] planet's human inhabitants live on a series of islands, where [illegible] living as farmers, ratsprouple, or fishrefolk.

Those who display an aptitude for sorcery are sent to a [illegible] Wizard's Academy on the island of Roke. Trained by masters, [illegible] taught the magic of arts and that power must be used responsibly.

Graduates of the Academy [illegible] variety of tasks, including [illegible] dragons who sometimes take up residence [illegible]

A fortuneteller looks at the shadow

HISTORY Perhaps the greatest [illegible] Earthsea's history was Ged, who [illegible] took the name of Sparrowhawk. [illegible] the rocky isle of Gont, Ged [illegible] talent for magic at an early age.

Apprenticed to a local wizard [illegible] Ogion, he burnt for knowledge [illegible] ally sailing to Roke. Ged was an immediate [illegible] grew him into a young foolishly.

Determined to prove his skill, he used summon a dead woman's spirit. The [illegible] he failed, releasing a shadow-beast from [illegible] the night realm between life and death.

Temporarily banished by a teacher's sacrifice, it [illegible] To survive, the young wizard was forced to conquer his [illegible] shadow monster. His mastery of power had unexpected [illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Although [illegible] the shadow beast is able to assume many different [illegible] including a bear [illegible] walk on water. A silent, ghostly presence, it is truly nightmarish [illegible]

SHADOW

SOURCE

THE WORLD

world of savage beauty, it is ruled by the ex-greater deity Sortar.

HISTORY Bored with [illegible] spiritual crisis, seeks to discover the meaning of life. Introduced [illegible] mysterious stranger called Krag at a seance. Maskull falls under his [illegible]

[illegible] able to make good on his promise, Maskull agrees to meet [illegible] deserted observatory in the Scottish highlands. Placed inside a [illegible] the vehicle, Maskull is transported [illegible] space to his destination.

Awakening on Tormance, Maskull [illegible] covers he has grown a tentacle-like [illegible] with knobs on both sides of his neck [illegible] forehead an extra organ [illegible] brow, which allows him to co[illegible] telepathically. Assisted by Joweind, a [illegible] native, who possesses the same [illegible] structure, he sets out in search of Sortar.

Along the way, Maskull encounters Oceane, a strange female abo[illegible] non-flying monsters called shrooks. Oceane takes Maskull on a [illegible] on one of these strange creatures, allowing him to study the alien [illegible] scape of Tormance from the air.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] a short neck, a long neck, [illegible] eyes. Strong, but not particularly [illegible] can be controlled with powerful weapons by the telep[illegible] [illegible] to the plant.

SHROWK

SOURCE

THE WORLD

HISTORY

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS


SILENT ONE

THE WORLD

HISTORY

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS


SWINE-THING
SOURCE

THE WORLD

For as long as human memory the most ab [illegible] unusual sense of humor. While no one is sure where these crea[illegible] from, it is believed they migrated across the cold sea from [illegible] mainland before the words of the Buddha reached Nippon.

HISTORY

[illegible] ented state are commonplace.

Tengu were said to derive particular pleasure from te[illegible] Buddhist priests who came to the mountains to study them [illegible] fully their survival in a related area.

Fond of meddling in human affairs, Tengu often interfered in [illegible] sent his enemies.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] feel those who encounter them.

[illegible] frequently seen c[illegible] ing long capped staff known as shakujo. These provide their owners with protection against enchantments and are useful in exorcising demons. On a more down-to-earth level, shakujo can also be used in combat to tangle and trap spear blades. The distinctly shaped cap, or tokin, worn by the karasu doubles as a drinking cup.

Tengu were fiercely protective of their territory [illegible] sternly punished [illegible]

Fantastical form of [illegible]ng

Over time, the peasants who lived in mountain [illegible] villages learned to coexist with the Tengu. To this day, many still leave offerings [illegible] bean paste outside their doors to appease these [illegible]

TENGU

SOURCE

THE WORLD [illegible] over the hills and through the Wild [illegible] river whose waters run cool and clear. Along its quiet banks [illegible] the stalwart Rat, the valiant B[illegible] the clever Toad, whose world bears a striking resemblance to [illegible] England.

HISTORY

[illegible] the river, Mr. Toad is an animal given to extremes. When Toad [illegible] passion for motorcars his friends [illegible] and Badger [illegible] ignoring his comrades' advice, Toad [illegible] squandering his fortune on a [illegible] flashy automobiles. Disaster strikes [illegible] Toad borrows a car without asking [illegible] thereby landing in jail for the theft.

Mr. Toad's boat

Freed by the [illegible] his wits, Toad works his [illegible] Weasels and Stoats from the Wild W[illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible] animals living [illegible] the river, Toad possesses human [illegible] such as hair and the ability [illegible] walk upon two legs. A [illegible] a dandy, he has a taste for expensive clothes [illegible] and favors blue with [illegible]

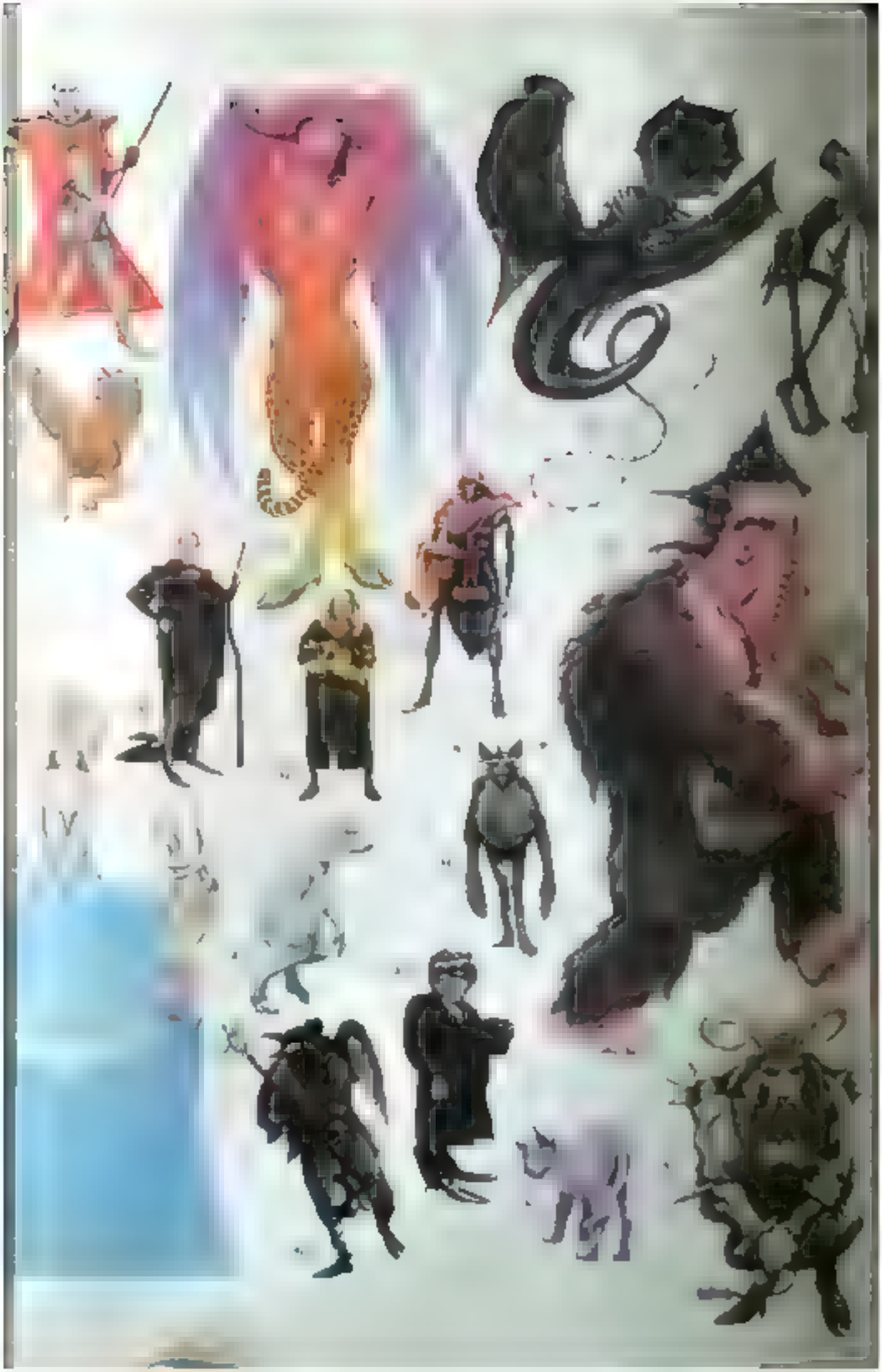
Snobbish by nature, Toad has a tendency to talk a great deal [illegible] listening to others. Used to having his [illegible] way, he swells up to [illegible] times his normal size when angry or humiliated.


MR. TOAD
SOURCE

COMPARATIVE SIZE CHART

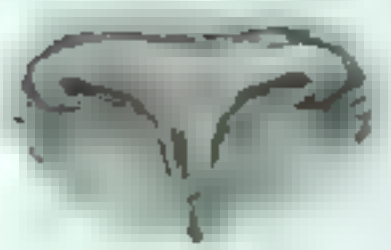
	KEY	SIZE
1	Avalon	4
2	Arrowroot	5.6
3	Basil	4.6
4	Beatrice de Barbepiane	6
5	Bourgeois Bonnard	6
6	Brian Mak Morn	5.8
7	Camber	5.6
8	Caterpillar	2.5
9	Changeling	4
10		6
		6.5
12		3.7
13		10
14		6
15		6
16		5.6
		5
18		5.8
19		7.6
20		
21		14
22		5
		20
24		6
25		3

	KEY	SIZE
26	Kenwen	5
27	Lamprey Worms	6
28	Lestel	5.5
29	Machine Beast	3
30	Morgaine	5.2
31	Mont	6.7
32	Nevan	5.6
33	Nimfer	5
34	Plumhead	3
35	Quicksilver Dragon	6.1
36	Red Death	
37	Sew Horse	4
38	Shadow	6
39	Shrook	11
40	Silent One	15
41	Swine Thing	5.5
42	Tenny	5
43	Mr Toad	5
44	Toothguard	2
45	Tri Toc	8
46	Unicorn	4
47	Venetic Court Assassin	5.6
48	Volkrathor	8
49	White Lady	6
50	Willer	3



THE WORLD Those who share their lives with cats [illegible] are intelligent creatures with minds of their own. What we [illegible] that they possess a secret language and culture hidden from [illegible] the dawn of time.

Late at night, while human slumber [illegible] friends gather in open fields and back [illegible] stories of the old days before two-legged [illegible] into the world.



[illegible] guard [illegible] next to

HISTORY Fritti Tattlerer is a young cat [illegible] survive on his own. When his friend [illegible] several other local felines mysteriously d[illegible] sets out on a quest to discover what has be[illegible]

Accompanied by a kitten called F[illegible] and Eathugs an elderly cat with a secret past, [illegible] a long journey. The trio's adventures will [illegible] to Firthorne, where the Queen of Cats ha[illegible] through a perilous forest and into the c[illegible] Heartcater.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS To[illegible] are vile beasts who guard Vorrut Heartcater's [illegible] ground fur. Fueled and blind, they have fanged mouths cont[illegible] of needle-like teeth.

Although capable of conversing in standard feline speech, Toe[illegible] have difficulty expressing themselves, often mixing their [illegible] sharp sense of hearing enables them to [illegible] benefit of eyesight. Crafty and manipulative [illegible] ing against Heartcater's other minions, [illegible] Claws and Bonegnards.

TOOTHGUARD

SOURCE

THE WORLD

the Wheel of Time an unending struggle between the forces

True Source, wielding supernatural energies only a select few can co
conflict has drained oceans and leveled mountains

HISTORY Brought up by his father on a farm near
small community of Two Rivers, Rand hasn't seen
the outside world. Still, something about the hooded
he spies en route to the town's annual Bel Tine festival
his nerves on edge.

Rand's instincts are correct: for the stranger is an
of the Dark One, a supernatural creature who is eval
late. Free after centuries of imprisonment, the Dark
has dispatched servants to capture Rand and his
Convinced one of them is a reincarnation of known as
Dragon, the Dark One is determined to destroy his
latter who he is

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Half human, half animal, Trolloc are the shock troops of the Dark One's army. Created through genetic engineering, they are ferocious fighters who delight in death and

Trolloc's fingered hands allow them to use
weapons, such as the curved scythe-type swords they
are often issued. Frequently clad in black mail, spiked
at the wrist and elbows, and leather trousers, only the
most skilled of warriors can best one in single

Not great thinkers, Trolloc possess a certain
cunning. Although capable of speech, their
vocal cords make them difficult to understand.

Trolloc units are supervised by officers called Myrd
draals. Also known as Halfmen or Fades, they are
tees of the black arts who rule through terror and
demand complete obedience.

The Trolloc social order is divided into thirty
tribal groupings, which include the Ahf'frait, Al'ghol
Dhai'sheen, Dha'vol, Dhai'mon, Dhjin'nen, Ghar'ghul
hands. Universally feared, they are one of the
potent weapons in the Dark One's arsenal.

TROLLOC

SOURCE
The Eye of the World
Robert Jordan

SERIES
The Wheel of Time

THE WORLD

HISTORY

her fur have

Freed by Schmendrick, a magician with a [illegible] problem, the Unicorn and her liberator resume the [illegible] woman named Molly Grue.

The trio's odyssey takes them to the jovial [illegible] King Haggard. While he answers the Unicorn [illegible] fearsome Red Bull.

A [illegible] emparised by weed and an [illegible] horn and a [illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] tame of her species, the Unicorn is snow white in [illegible] ed with cloven hoofs, thin legs, and a tail [illegible] bling a horse. She is among the most graceful of living [illegible] tures. More than mere ornamentation, her horn [illegible] weapon which she pr[illegible]

Solitary by nature [illegible] pick a single spot and remain [illegible] for long periods of time immortal and rain. Their preferred habitats are wooded [illegible]


UNICORN
SOURCE

THE WORLD

temporary Minneapolis. Only this time the players are not [illegible] but two fey tribes, the Seelie and Unseelie courts, who are [illegible] destroy one another. Invisible to mortal eyes, these ancient [illegible] will spill out their blood red in the parks and back alleys of the [illegible]

HISTORY

[illegible] escapades club scene. Walking home late one night th[illegible] windswept streets, she finds herself stalked by a huge black dog.

Knocked unconscious, Eddi awakens and dis[illegible] her pursuer is a phouka, a fairy creature able to [illegible] canine form at will. McCandry listens in horror [illegible] phouka explains that her presence is required by the S[illegible] Court. Pressed into service as a sort of mascot, it seems [illegible] appearance on the field of honor will ensure [illegible] wounds suffered by the normally immortal fey com[illegible] will be [illegible]

All Eddi wants to do is escape. But she soon learns [illegible] flight is not an option. For without the phoukas protec[illegible] she will be hunted down by hideous members of [illegible] Unseelie Court. Trapped in a situation stranger than [illegible] wildest dreams, McCandry is about to embark on a ter[illegible] filled adventure which will change her world forever.

Assassin's Long Knife

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] white eyes, mouthlike noses, and sharp teeth. The Unseelie Court [illegible] are armed with translucent bows and long knives.

Like all Unseelie fey, the Assassins are creatures of darkness and [illegible] inspiring terror in mortals. Enraged [illegible] realm of faerie, they harbor great hatred [illegible]

UNSEELIE COURT ASSASSINS

SOURCE

THE WORLD

ness. Great cities, like Kiev and Moscow, were located from one another by endless miles of steppe and forest. These vast regions were home to [illegible] proved no wanderers.

HISTORY

[illegible] through an isolated area, they stumble on the hut of the w[illegible]

[illegible] its owners for his hospitality. Gratuitous enlists their aid in [illegible] the spirit of his daughter, Evashka. Seen by a River-thing, Vodyanoi, she has remained as a Rusalka, a ghost who survives by preying [illegible] roked, the w[illegible] drawing the life force from the surrounding [illegible]

[illegible] trap the Vodyanoi. Without realizing it, Peter and S[illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

[illegible] states who inhabit the rivers of Eastern Europe. Inc[illegible] capable of spec[illegible] they are able to [illegible] and shape at wil[illegible]

[illegible] to human. Over things often [illegible] irrisches as old men to, are the unwary [illegible] to new travelers who blunder into their [illegible] are dragged into the water and drowned. They [illegible] p borders of their [illegible] places.

[illegible] travel across land, but [illegible] heir natural element of [illegible] water, and are harmful to [illegible] humans who take at all care to avoid them.

Vodyanoi, Some [illegible]

[illegible] have to do the bidding of wizards [illegible] enough to learn their true names. Even then, they are not so be[illegible] and frequently twist information to suit their own purposes.

VODYANOI

SOURCE

Russkaya

THE WORLD The wooded foothills of the Adirondack Mo[illegible] harbor a dark secret. For generations, this isolated region has been [illegible] to a race of strange creatures. While most of their kind only wish [illegible] left alone, some can be unmistakably dangerous.

HISTORY Tired of life in the fast lane, Phil Hasunger, a [illegible] screenwriter, moves his family from Hollywood to upstate New [illegible] Phil hopes the change will allow him to spend more time with his [illegible] and kids and work on the novel he's always dreamed of writing.

Settling into an old manor locals call the Keeler Place, [illegible] Hasungers are just starting to feel at home when strange [illegible] begin to happen. The family cat is torn to pieces by a [illegible] animal, and Phil's daughter, Gabbie, is attacked by a [illegible]

Puzzled, Phil turns to Mark Blackman, an expert on p[illegible] phenomena, for help. Mark's investigations reveal that the [illegible] Place and the area surrounding it are linked to a pact between ancient mystical order and a group of transplanted Eur[illegible]

While most of these supernatural creatures are not evil, s[illegible] like the Fool and his servant, the Bad Thing, seem to [illegible] [illegible]ts against the Hasungers. Events reach a crisis point [illegible] the pair kidnaps Patrick, Phil's eight-year-old son, and [illegible]

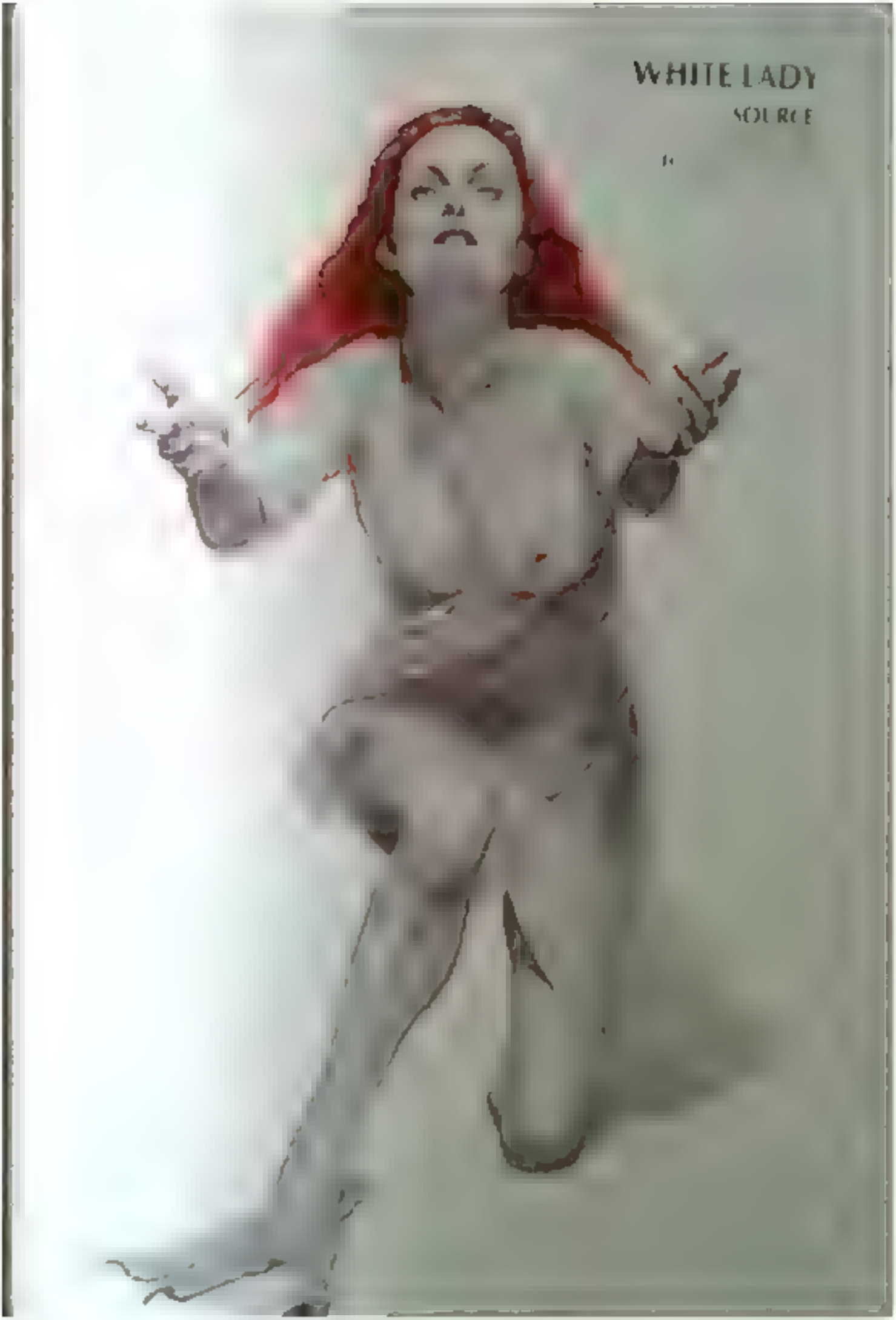
Fortunately, the Fool has not counted on the courage and determination of Patrick's twin brother, Sean. Setting out [illegible] pursuit, Sean follows the abductors back to their lair in the [illegible] Faerie. But to save his beloved sibling, Sean must outwit [illegible] Fool and find a way home before he and Patrick [illegible] trapped forever.

Cursed after dark

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Faerie [illegible]

[illegible] she often travels with two identical sisters.

[illegible] hatches, then makes love to them until they expire.


WHITE LADY
SOURCE

THE WORLD [illegible] as a "jungle" and a place where "the [illegible] are eaten." New York City is no stranger to bad press. But even the Big Apple's worst detractors have no idea how much [illegible]

For New York is home to a highly evolved alpha species [illegible] Wolfen, who possess a [illegible] predators who [illegible] and feed on those who will not be missed. The Wolfen kept their presence hidden for centuries. From the burn[illegible] tenements of the South Bronx, to the wooded paths [illegible] Central Park, they prowl the streets of the city by [illegible]

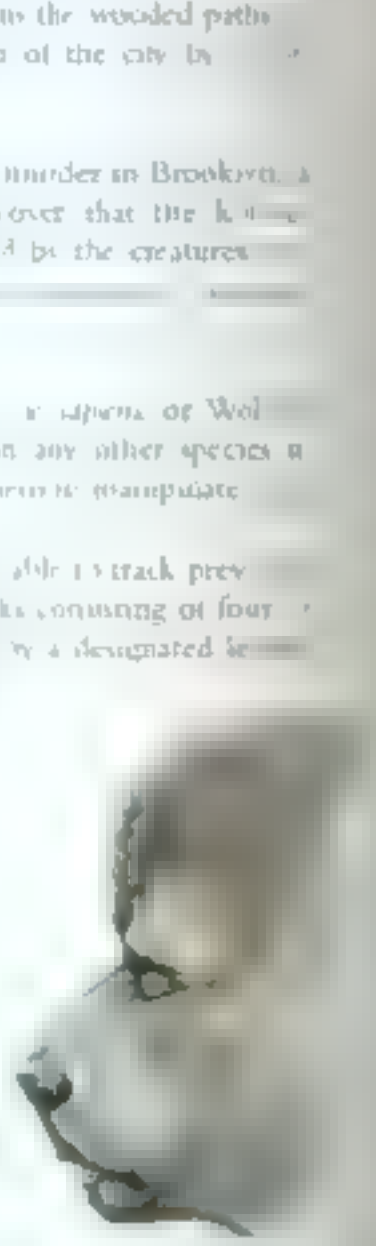
A Wolfen's paw

HISTORY Investigating a double murder in Brooklyn, a [illegible] detectives [illegible] finally discover that the [illegible] were [illegible] by Wolfen. Stalked by the creatures [illegible]

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS [illegible] Wolfen [illegible] are stronger and more expressive faces than any other species [illegible] allow them to manipulate [illegible]

[illegible] sense of smell. Wolfen are able to track prey [illegible] Wolfen packs consisting of four [illegible] designated [illegible]

[illegible]



[illegible] of Wolfen showing flattened profile

WOLFEN

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The Wolfen
Stanley Spencer

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